

HOUSE BILL 2698

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 38;  
Title 39 and Title 40, relative to firearms.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 13, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

39-17-1364.

(a) This section shall be known and may be cited as the Targeting Hoodlums Using Guns ("THUG") Rewards Act.

(b) Any person who reports information to a law enforcement officer that leads to the apprehension and conviction of a person for being in possession of a firearm in this state while convicted of a felony in violation of § 39-17-1307(b)(1) or (c)(1), 18 USC § 922(g)(1), or while convicted of a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence under § 39-17-1307(f) or 18 USC § 922(g)(9), shall receive a reward of five hundred dollars (\$500).

(c) The county where the offense occurred shall provide the reward money from the proceeds of fines collected for any misdemeanor violation of § 39-17-1307.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1307, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection thereto:

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(1) The proceeds from fines collected for misdemeanor violations of this section shall be collected by the respective court clerks and then deposited in a

dedicated county fund. The fund shall not revert to the county general fund at the end of a fiscal year but shall remain for THUG rewards under this section.

(2) Each county shall expend the funds generated under subdivision (1) by appropriation for THUG rewards . Excess funds, if any, may be expended for local law enforcement or educational efforts to prevent violent crimes.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012, the public welfare requiring it.